

# VERIFICATION RESULTS OF FREE & REDUCED PRICE MEAL APPLICATIONS

## Montana Local Education Agencies (LEAs)

### School Year 2009-10

The results of verification for school year 2009-10 in Montana are positive and indicate a good level of integrity in the administration of the School Nutrition Programs in Montana. Only 11 (4.98%) LEAs had less than 80% response rate from households selected for verification (meaning that more than 20% of the applicants selected for verification at their school did NOT respond). This is a slight decrease from the previous year where 20 (8.97%) LEAs had less than 80% response rate, and only 6 were repeats from the previous year.

Of the 95.02% of households that responded, error (indicated by a change in meal benefits, either positive or negative) was found in 13.20% of applications. That means 86.80% of all applications verified in Montana during 2009-10 were correct at the time that they were turned in and 6.60% did not respond, therefore their error rate is undetermined.

School districts will qualify for reduced verification requirements (i.e., same as current requirements) during the 2010-11 school year if they achieve a response rate of 80 percent or higher from households during the 2010-11 school year. *School districts are strongly encouraged to conduct aggressive follow-up to get 100 percent response rate during the fall 2010 verification process.*

### Results of Verification, By Category

	Free Eligible based on FS/TANF/FDPIR Case Number		Free Eligible based on Income/Household Size		Reduced-Price Eligible		Response Category Totals	
	<i>Number of applications</i>	<i>Percent of total</i>	<i>Number of applications</i>	<i>Percent of total</i>	<i>Number of applications</i>	<i>Percent of total</i>	<i>Total applications</i>	<i>Percent of total</i>
<b>Responded and No Change</b>	61	8.39 %	342	47.04%	180	24.76%	<b>583</b>	<b>80.19%</b>
<b>Responded, changed to Free</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	32	4.40%	<b>32</b>	<b>4.40%</b>
<b>Responded, changed to Reduced</b>	0	0 %	24	3.30%	N/A	N/A	<b>24</b>	<b>3.30%</b>
<b>Responded, changed to Paid</b>	2	0.28 %	10	1.38%	28	3.85%	<b>40</b>	<b>5.50%</b>
<b>Did NOT respond</b>	9	1.24%	21	2.89%	18	2.48%	<b>48</b>	<b>6.60%</b>
<b>Total Applications Verified</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>9.90%</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>54.61%</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>35.49%</b>	<b>727</b>	<b>100 .00%</b>